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## April is Child Abuse Awareness Month

*Senator Jelinek urges citizens to participate in the Children's Trust Fund.*

LANSING – Senator Ron Jelinek, R-Three Oaks, today announced that April is Child Abuse Awareness Month in Michigan.

“April being Child Abuse Awareness Month is providing an effort to further public awareness of this tremendous problem,” Jelinek said. “Child abuse and neglect continues to be a significant problem in our state, as well as the entire country. Awareness is the first step in curbing the issue.”

The Children's Trust Fund (CTF) is the only statewide, non-profit organization in Michigan that is solely dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. The CTF and its 69 local councils across the state work to prevent child abuse and neglect through outreach, education, research, public awareness and advocacy. Since 1982, the CTF has raised over \$60 million and has provided support for over 6 million children and their families.

“I encourage anyone concerned about child abuse and neglect to join in supporting the Children's Trust Fund,” Jelinek continued. “You can help the CTF and victims of child abuse by purchasing a “Kidpin”. Each pin comes on a card with a story about an actual child that has benefited from CTF services. “Children” specialty license plates are also available for vehicles with the proceeds going to the Children's Trust fund. In addition, everyone can participate in the “Cherish the Children” Fantasy Auction. For more information please visit the CTF at

[www.michiganchildrenstrustfund.org](http://www.michiganchildrenstrustfund.org).